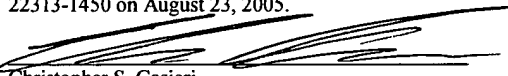




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In re Application of	:	Customer No. 26817
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Serial No. 10/780,250	:	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Filed: February 17, 2004	:	Examiner: Virginia Allen Portner
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a June 6, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-6, 17-18, 19-25 drawn to a recombinant protein and a method of use, classified in class 424, subclass 203.1.
- II. Claim 7, drawn to a mutant gene, classified in class 536, subclass 23.4.
- III. Claim 8, drawn to primers, classified in class 536, subclass 24.33.

IV. Claims 9-16, drawn to methods of developing a recombinant anthrax toxin inhibitor, classified in class 435, subclass 32.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group II, claims 7, drawn to a mutant gene, classified in class 536, subclass 23.4. for prosecution in this application. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should she believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 23, 2005



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